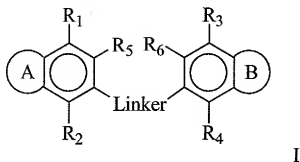


## IN THE CLAIMS

The following listing of the claims replaces all prior versions and listings of the claims. Any claim that is cancelled or subject matter deleted from the claims is effected without prejudice.

- 1-21. (Cancelled)
22. (New) A compound of Formula I



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

wherein  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$  and  $R_4$  are  $OCH_3$ ;

Linker is  $O-(CH_2)_n-O$ , wherein  $n$  is an integer of from 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9;

A and B are fused furan rings; and

$R_5$  and  $R_6$  are both  $C(O)CH_3$ ;

wherein the linker and the benzofuran oxygen have a meta relationship.

23. (New) The compound according to Claim 22 selected from
- 1,5-bis(5-acetyl-4,7-dimethoxybenzofuran-6-yloxy)pentane;
- 1,6-bis(5-acetyl-4,7-dimethoxybenzofuran-6-yloxy)hexane; and
- 1,4-bis(5-acetyl-4,7-dimethoxybenzofuran-6-yloxy)butane.
24. (New) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of the

compound of Claim 22, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.

25. A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of compound of Claim 23, or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.